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For: DATA WAREHOUSE SYSTEM AND QUERY PROCESSING  
METHOD USED IN THE SYSTEM, AND DATA COLLECTING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE METHOD, AND CHARGING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS IN THE SYSTEM

Group: 2177

Examiner: L. Wassum

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 19, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the substitute specification as follows:

~~NS~~ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 18 through page 6,  
line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In spite of this, if a simple copy method is employed to create replicas from a  
plurality of servers in a distributed environment, a large scale storage unit 1315 is  
indispensable for storing those replicas at each client side. For example, if a client